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I am a computer software professional and have been so for thirty years.  
I will be brief.

A programmer creating an application for Windows must rely on a description (documentation) of the Windows Interface.

If a Microsoft application programmer has a problem with his program (for example WORD) interfacing with Windows, he could walk across campus and discuss his problem with an operating system programmer. I realize that this is only a possibility.

I feel it would help the industry's competitiveness if Microsoft application programmers were at the same disadvantage as others.

I would like to see Microsoft partitioned into at least three entities: operating systems (windows/xp), applications (word), and hardware (xbox)

thank you for your time